

Hamamelis virginiana

Witch Hazel



A lovely, large shrub or small, multi-trunked tree. Yellow, spidery flowers in the fall and early winter, with a lemony fragrance. Sometimes it blooms before the foliage drops, in which case the flowers are hardly noticeable against the bright yellow leaves. Needs acid soil. Does well in sun or shade. If sited well, pretty much problem-free. No significant diseases or insect pests.

Suggested companions: white oak (*Quercus alba*), hickories (*Carya* sp.), flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*), wild geranium (*Geranium maculatum*), Pennsylvania sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*), Christmas fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*).

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Plant Type: Shrub

Size: 15-25' H
15-25' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Forested Upland
Woodland Margin

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist

Exposure: sun
filtered
shade

Flower Color:
Yellow

Plant in: Spring

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:
October
November

Other Attributes:
Fragrant
Fall color